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1. Use of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof in the preparation of a medicament for administration by injection into the region of a joint for alleviation of inflammation or pain.
2. Use according to claim 1 wherein the derivative is a salt of pantothenic acid.
3. Use according to claim 2 wherein the salt is the calcium salt.
4. Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the medicament comprises an aqueous solution of pantothenic acid or a derivative thereof.
5. Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the medicament includes a local anaesthetic.
6. Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the medicament is co-administered with cysteine or glucosamine.
7. Use according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the medicament is co-administered with a surface-active phospholipid (SAPL).
8. Use according to claim 7 wherein the SAPL comprises dipalmitoylphosphatidyl choline.
9. Use according to claim 7 or 8 wherein the SAPL comprises phosphatidyl glycerol.

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